

# INTERACTIVE DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM HAVING STAGED SERVERS

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods and apparatus for use in a network including a local server coupled to a central server, the local server being coupled to a plurality of network devices, for interactively controlling from one of the plurality of network devices a flow of audio visual data from the central server to the network device, comprising obtaining a control command at the network device, the control command indicating a desired modification to the flow of the audio visual data from the central server to the network device. The control command is sent from the network device to the central server via the local server. A modified flow of the audio visual data is then received from the central server at the network device in response to the control command.